

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

“ Antibodies which bind to the CDR1 polypeptide of the invention can be prepared using an intact polypeptide or fragments containing small peptides of interest as the immunizing antigen. In an illustrative example, a peptide as described in Example 14(6), DTVSKTVSFKPTDC (SEQ ID NO. 3), was utilized for antibody production. The polypeptide or a peptide used to immunize an animal can be derived from translated cDNA or chemical synthesis which can be conjugated to a carrier protein, if desired. Such commonly used carriers which are chemically coupled to the peptide include keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH), thyroglobulin, bovine serum albumin (BSA), and tetanus toxoid. The coupled peptide is then used to immunize the animal (*e.g.*, a mouse, a rat, or a rabbit).”

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 43, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

“ 6. Antibody production and purification and immunoblot analysis

A peptide of 14 amino acids, DTVSKTVSFKPTDC (SEQ ID NO. 3), was synthesized and injected into rabbits to raise polyclonal antibodies. The resulting antisera were affinity purified using the CDR1 fusion protein immobilized on nitrocellulose filters as described (Sambrook et al., 1989).”